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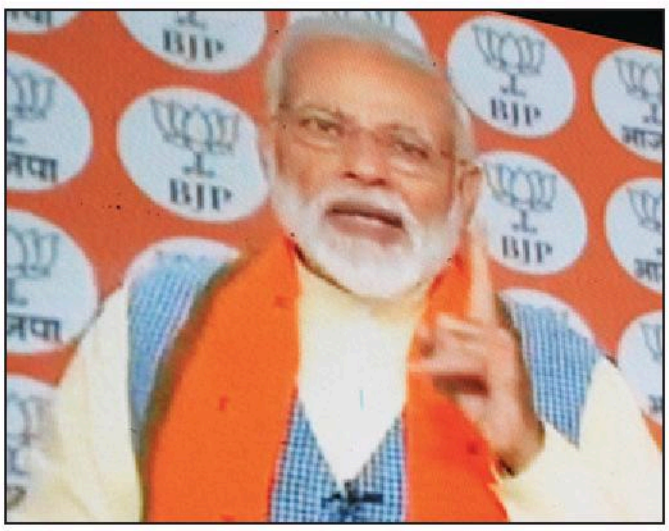

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing party workers through NaMo app this morning. Picture right shows MP Pratap Simha, MLAs B. Sriramulu and L. Nagendra, BJP leader H.V. Rajeev and others listening to the PM at a special screening organised at Platinum Jubilee Hall of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) at J.K. Grounds in city.

Modi addresses one crore booth workers of 4,120 Assembly and 545 Lok Sabha seats from 15,000 locations through NaMO app

New Delhi, Feb.28 (MTY& BCT)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing over one crore booth workers and party workers this noon through his NaMo App as part of a massive outreach programme ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, said India "will fight as one, will live as one, will work as one, will grow as one and will win as one."

He said that the sentiments in India are at a different level now. "The country is in a new confidence... Everyone feels that what was impossible is possible," he said. "The country's heroic youth is showing its strength on the border and across the border. The whole country is one and stands with our jawans. India is going to attain even more strength and development in the times to come," the Prime Minister added.

(See PM on page 9)

Mysuru-Kushalnagar Rly. Line sanctioned

MP Pratap Simha makes announcement on Twitter

Mysuru, Feb.28 (BCT)- An 87-km Railway Line between Belagola in Mysuru and Kushalnagar in Kodagu has been sanctioned by the South Western Railways (SWR). The development was disclosed by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha on Twitter last evening, before an official announcement by the Railways. In his tweet, Simha thanked Railway Minister Piyush Goyal saying, "New Railway Line between Mysuru and Kushalnagar (87 Kms) APPROVED! Total cost 1854 crores. Thank u @PiyushGoyal ji n thank u all."

The attached note issued by Dhananjaya Singh, Director, Works, Railway Board, shared by Simha in the same tweet said, "The competent authority has accorded approval for inclusion of Mysuru (Belagola)-Kushalnagar new line project (87 Km) at a cost of Rs.1,854.62 crore (Rupees one thousand eight hundred fifty four crore and sixty two lakh only) chargeable to Capital under the Umbrella Work of New Lines subject to requisite approvals. This project will appear with # mark in Pink Book."

Once a project is approved, it enters the "Pink Book" of Railways and the project will be implemented. The Mysuru-Madikeri Railway Line Project, in recent times, was first proposed in the UPA era in 2011 and was shelved after a survey commissioned by the Railways deemed the route to be unprofitable.

The Railway Line was listed in the Railway Budget 2016-17 under "new line" category at an estimated cost of Rs.667 crore and the techno-economic survey was completed. But the project — originally mooted over 100 years ago — did not gain further traction. The funding was to be made under the extra budgetary allocation, but the project was stuck in the maze of bureaucracy.

(See RLY. LINE on page 9)

Chiefs of three Services to address joint press briefing at 5 pm

New Delhi, Feb. 28- Indian Army Chief, Chief of Indian Air Force, and Chief of Naval command will address the media at 5 pm to brief them on the situation at the border, a day after an IAF pilot was captured by Pakistan. The three Service Chiefs have briefed Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the situation.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump today said, "we have some reasonably decent news from India and Pakistan", indicating a resolution amid tension between the two countries over the past few days. Donald Trump's comments at a press conference in Hanoi, on the sidelines of his meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, offered hope of de-escalation a day after hostilities peaked with aerial combat between Indian and Pakistani warplanes.

"I think reasonably attractive news from Pakistan and India, they have been going at it and we have been involved and have them stop, we have some reasonably decent news, hopefully it's going to be coming to an end, this has been going on for a long time, decades and decades," the US President said.

Earlier, the US had called on India and Pakistan to "cease all cross-border military activity" and "take immediate steps to de-escalate the situation."

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Choosing from choices

Thanks to the two mutually competing factors namely, the *limited* total geographical area of the country and its steadily *expanding* population, resulting in gradually declining land needs per citizen, the issues of sharing the available spaces in their different make-up such as agricultural land, industrial establishments, forest cover, urban territories, hilly areas, deserts, barren lands, roads, dwellings of urbanites and rustics, open spaces for various activities such as sports, entertainment, parades and so on loom large more conspicuously as days pass. The *choices* for choosing among them, given the human-centric outlook, are no longer as wide as they used to be. The reports of man-animal conflict being witnessed in many regions of the State in particular and the rest of the land in general should serve as a glaring example of ignoring the right of the animal species to live in their natural habitats without fear or favour. Nearer home, the occasionally heard wailing by citizens of Mysuru about the *menace* of stray dogs and horses is familiar to all as a strong case for getting rid of the two four-legged species.

By sheer hindsight, the denizens of the country's forests and the livestock (cattle, poultry, pigs, sheep, goats, buffaloes, pets and so on) seem to have shared the geographical space amicably until a few decades ago, given the human headcount as a fraction of its present number. The speechless species have *no choice* other than succumbing to the assault mounted by the human beings all over the planet.

While policies are in place to *protect* the spaces needed by the denizens of forest and also different domesticated species, particularly the cattle of indigenous breeds, the compulsions of present-day life, focussed on satisfying the human needs, read *greed*, on priority only have made the policies more complied with in breach than falling in line. Report of people living even in rural parts of a North Indian State isolating their livestock by perceiving stray cattle around their lands as a menace, as published in a daily this week, brings home the suicidal outlook of humans towards life forms that are indispensable in ensuring human welfare.

The right of human beings over the rest of the species has tended to be over-skewed in favour of humans. Almost every stray cow is reportedly facing death due to injuries in traffic accidents and feeding on hazardous wastes including plastic. If the country's nearly 200 million heads of cattle had their say, they would surely look at the burgeoning human population in the country as a *menace*.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The craze to click selfies has taken a very heavy toll on human lives but there seems to be no end to the malaise that has gripped thousands across the globe. In days of yore, celebrities were beseeched no end for their autographs but the ultimate thrill appears to be to click selfies with them. Needless to add, not all celebrities are willing to oblige and some even do a D.K. Shivakumar by knocking the mobile phone to the ground in disgust. In this regard it is heartening to hear that Additional Commissioner, Crime, Alok Kumar has issued a fiat creating no-selfie zones in his office and as it is a top cop who has taken the decision, the question of breaching the rule simply does not arise.

— C.V. Aravind in Bangalore Mirror

NEWS SPARKLERS

Drunk man rapes stray dog

Chennai: Animal brutality hit a shameful new low in Chennai after it was alleged that a drunk man had raped a dog. Under sections 377 and 429 of the Indian Penal Code, raping an animal is a punishable offence and a similar case was filed by Almighty Animal Care Trust, Chennai, stating that a tea stall worker in Nandanam allegedly raped a dog in the neighbourhood.

On Sunday night, the residents of Nandanam caught the youth with the dog and asked him to leave the area but as per residents, he didn't leave the area. Sai Vignesh, who is president of Almighty Animal Care Trust, said that after giving a warning to the culprit, he lodged an FIR on Tuesday afternoon. Vignesh also gave video evidence which was recorded by a nearby hospital proving that the man was with the dog. However, the footage did not show the act.

Bodybuilder lives with 37 Chihuahuas

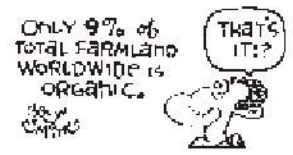
Maryland: A competitive bodybuilder from Boonsboro, Maryland,who always felt that his pets should fit his own image, and even made fun of his male friends who owned small dogs today shares his home with no less than 37 adorable Chihuahuas.

Bobby Humphreys, the bodybuilder, used to be a "Big Dog Guy" and he and his wife of 17 years had owned three Rottweilers as he loved their tough, imposing look and never even considered the idea of ever owning a small dog.

But Bobby quickly put that behind him when he fell in love with Lady, a tiny Chihuahua that he now credits for getting him through the darkest period of his life. She opened his eyes to the love and support that small dogs are capable of and the big, strong bodybuilder is now what many would call a Small Dog Guy who looks after dozens of chihuahuas.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much more does organic produce cost than regular produce?



Organic produce costs an average of 49% more than standard produce. Government subsidies often reduce the cost of standard crop production, which translates into lower prices for standard produce at the supermarket.

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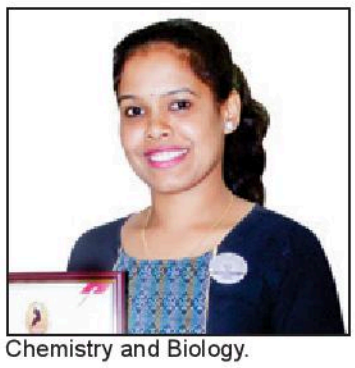
Teacher wins National Award

Mysuru, Feb.28 - K.N. Nitya, a teacher at Excel Public School (EPS), Mysuru, has won the prestigious Raman Experiential Science Teacher Award-2019 and was honoured at Panchavati, the former home of Sir C.V. Raman on Feb.24.



The Raman Experiential Science Teacher (REST) Award is instituted by the Raman Research Institute Trust and Innovation and Science Promotion Foundation (ISPF) and sponsored by ThinkTac. Much along the lines of the Raman Young Science Innovator (RYSI) Award, this contest was open to any science teacher in the country seeking innovative entries for hands-on science activities in three categories — Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

The winner prize in each category was Rs. 25,000 and two runners-up took home a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 each.

Nitya won the preliminary rounds and was amongst the 60 finalists chosen for the national finals. She chose the topic "Anatomy of Human Body" with the sub-topic "Types of Joints in Human Body."

City students bag Gold Medals

Mysuru, Feb. 28- **M.R.Thanya,** 3rd std. student of Christ Public School, Mysuru, has secured gold medal in Deepika Children's League IQ National scholarship exam. She is the daughter of Rachan Appanamaiah and M.R. Deepika.

N.S. Pavan Kumar, an MBA student of Mahajana PG Centre, has been awarded "The Sunanda Gold Medal Award" by University of Mysore for the Academic Year 2017-18 for securing Highest Marks in the Marketing Management Paper of II Semester MBA .

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NEWS BRIEFS

Paper presentation

A Fulbrighter, Dr. R. Purnima, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, will be presenting a paper, titled "Teaching English Creatively to Children in the Margins: The Children's Literary Club Way" at the International Seminar organised by Dibrugarh University, Assam. The Seminar "Art and Culture: Change and Continuity" will be held on Mar.4 and 5.

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by G.S. Sandhya Rani Kumar, Home Maker, Mysuru, on Mar.2 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

Technical Talk

A Technical Talk by Dr. S.M. Shivaprasad, Director, Karnataka State Higher Education Academy, Dharwad, has been organised at JSS Science and Technology University in city tomorrow at 9 am. The valedictory will be held at 4 pm. Dr. T.N. Nagabusdhana, Principal and Dean, Engineering, SJCE, will be the chief guest. Dr. K.S. Lokesh, Registrar, JSS S&TU, will preside.

Obituary

Maletira G. Muthamma

Mysuru, Feb.28- Maletira G. Muthamma (90), wife of late Ganapathy (Mukkatira) and Member of Gokulam Kodava Sangha, passed away at her daughter's residence in #121 Mahadeswaranagara in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, this morning.

She leaves behind two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Cremation today at 4 pm at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam, according to family sources.

Vasantha

Vasantha, wife of Siddaraju (Jogappa) and a resident of Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli) here, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here this morning, according to family sources.

Robbery after lacing juice with sedatives

Woman held, Rs.18 lakh worth gold ornaments seized, 12 cases solved

Mysuru, Feb.28 (KS)- Lashkar Police, on Feb.23, have arrested a woman, on charges of befriending women travelling in buses and robbing them of their gold ornaments after making them drink juice mixed with sedatives and rendering the victims unconscious.

The accused is 28-year-old Suvarna, wife of Manikanta and a resident of Ganesh Nagar in N.R. Mohalla in city.

On Jan.28, Suvarna, who was travelling in a KSRTC bus from Bengaluru to Mysuru, befriended a 71-year-old woman, a resident of Roopa Nagar, who was seated next to her. When the bus reached Srirangapatna, Suvarna is said to have given a juice packet, which was mixed with sleeping tablets to the elderly woman, who became unconscious after drinking it. After reaching Mysuru, Suvarna herself took the elderly woman with her and dropped the elderly lady to her house.

When the elderly woman regained conscious, she found her gold chain (Mangalasutra) and a Havala chain missing, following which the elderly lady had lodged a complaint at Lashkar Police Station in this regard.

Lashkar Police, who had registered a case, began their investigation and based on the information, conducted an operation at the KSRTC Bus Stand on Feb.23 and arrested the accused.

During interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed that she targeted elderly woman, travelling alone in buses, befriend them and later used to give them juice which was mixed with sleeping tablets. When the elderly woman dozed off, she used to cut the gold chains using cutting pliers and rob them, Suvarna told the Police and added that she had pledged the gold ornaments at Manapuram Finance, Muthoot Finance and Fed Bank.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered 581 grams gold ornaments worth about Rs.18 lakh. Following the arrest, the Police have solved a total of 12 cases — six cases in Lashkar Police Station, one in Vijayanagar Police Station, one in Mandya Rural Police Station, one in Maddur Police Station and three cases in Bengaluru's Byatarayanapura Police Station.

DCPs N. Vishnuvardhana and Dr. Vikram V. Amathe, supervised Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Gajendraprasad, Lashkar Inspector N. Muniyappa, Sub-Inspector S.H. Pooja, ASI Srinivas and staff Parashivamurthy, Lokesh, Lingaraju, Aadam, Mahadevaswamy, Vijayakumar, Pradeep, Sathya, Pratheepa and Geetha in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Woman commits suicide over alleged dowry harassment

Bhagya

Mysuru, Feb.28 (RK&KS)- A woman has reportedly committed suicide by setting herself ablaze following alleged dowry harassment by her husband and mother-in-law at Udbur in the taluk on Tuesday night.

The deceased is Bhagya (26), wife of Suresh of Udbur. Bhagya was given in marriage to Suresh about five years ago and the couple has a son and a daughter.

Alleging that Bhagya has been murdered, her parents, who have lodged a complaint at Jayapura Police Station, have stated that Bhagya was set on fire by her husband Suresh and his mother Marichikkamma for dowry. Jayapura Police, who have registered a case in this regard, shifted the body of Bhagya to MMC&RI mortuary, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was later handed over to the family members.

Unidentified man found murdered

Mysuru, Feb.28 (KS)- Jayapura Police have found the body of an unidentified man who has been murdered on Mysuru-H.D. Kote Road between Arasana Gate and Mahadevapura village.

The unidentified man is said to be about 40 years of age and the Police have suspected that he may have been murdered elsewhere by miscreants and later dumped the body on the roadside.

The deceased has a brass finger ring with the image of Lord Ganesha on his right hand finger. Jayapura Police, who have registered a case of murder, have asked the kith and kin of the deceased to contact Jayapura Police Station on Ph: 0821-2595781 or contact District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

C.T. Ravi holds conciliatory talks with accident victims at Mandya

Mandya, Feb.28 (Nagaiah& DM)- Chikkamagaluru BJP MLA C.T. Ravi, who was in a soup after his car rammed into two cars parked by the roadside near Urkenahalli Gate on NH-75 in Kunigal taluk in the wee hours of Feb.19, in which two youths were killed, held conciliatory talks with the family members of the accident victims at Mandya on Wednesday.

The talks were held at the official residence of Mandya Additional SP A.R. Balaramegowda.

The ASP, also a relative of the deceased youths — Shashikumar and Sunil Gowda of Kanakapura taluk — had organised the meeting between the MLA and the family members of the accident victims.

During the meeting, the family members of the two deceased youths expressed anger against the MLA for not attending to the victims soon after the mishap.

Later another round of talks was held, in which the MLA presented Rs.2.50 lakh each to the kin of the deceased and also promised to meet the medical expenses of others injured in the accident.

MLA Ravi, speaking to press persons, said that he could not extend support to the family members of the deceased immediately as he was under treatment.

Stating that Mandya ASP Balaramegowda contacted him soon after the accident, Ravi maintained that he has not exerted pressure on the family members of the deceased youths to withdraw the case.

VOICE OF THE READER

Operate Mysuru-Hazrat Nizamuddin Swarna Jayanti Express on Tri-weekly basis

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As there is no facility of a daily service connectivity to New Delhi from Mysuru, there is now a need to increase the train's existing frequency of up to three days a week by augmenting an additional rake.

Since long, post the extension of the train to run via Hassan, the train has not witnessed much changes related to increase in frequency of operations from the existing weekly service to either a Tri-Weekly or a Daily service.

By increasing the frequency of this train at least on a Tri-Weekly basis the need to travel to Bengaluru will be cut down and hence passengers will get the benefit of boarding a regular direct train from Mysuru itself.

Also due to non-availability of a Daily direct train to New Delhi from Mysuru, one is forced to change trains at Bengaluru only.

Further it is also requested to postpone the existing departure at Mysuru from 8.10 pm to 11 pm. The proposed change in schedule will facilitate regular commuters as the existing schedule only causes an inconvenience (the train leaves very early at 8.10 pm)

Hence in the interim, until a new daily train service to New Delhi via Bengaluru is introduced from Mysuru, the Railway authorities concerned are requested to look into the suggestion of operating 12781/12782 Mysuru - Hazrat Nizamuddin Swarna Jayanti SF Express from Weekly to at least Tri-Weekly Superfast Express.

—S.D. Varun

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'Vidwath 2k19 Fest' on Mar. 1 and 2

Mysuru, Feb. 28- The State-level Inter-Collegiate Commerce and Management Fest 'Vidwath 2k19' organised by the Department of Commerce and Management, Vidyavardhaka First Grade College (VVFGC), Seshadri Iyer Road, will be held on Mar.1 and 2 at P.M. Chikkaboraiah Hall in the College premises.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, College Principal Dr. S. Mari Gowda said that the College was also conducting series of year-long programmes as part of its 40th anniversary celebrations.

G.S. Raghavendra, Founder-Director of Geloof Industries Pvt. Limited, Bengaluru, will inaugurate the fest at 10 am tomorrow. City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna will be the chief guest. Vidyavardhaka Sangha Hon. President Gundappa Gowda will preside. Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, Treasurer S.N. Lakshminarayana and VVFGC CMC Chairman T. Nagaraju will be the guests of honour. Cultural programmes will be held in the evening.

Valedictory will be held on Mar. 2 at 4.30 pm. University of Mysore Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi will be the chief guest. Winners of various competitions in the cultural event will be given cash prizes, awards and trophies.

CHANGE OF NAME

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CM to tour Kodagu today, Mysuru tomorrow

Kumaraswamy

Mysuru, Feb.28 - Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will visit Kodagu district today.

The CM, who will land at Harangi dam helipad at 4.15 pm, will travel by road to Basavanahalli in Somwarpet taluk, where he will launch a slew of development works and distribute houses to Diddahalli evacuees. He will stay for the night either at Madikeri or at Kushalnagar.

Mysuru tour

The CM will take part in local programmes at Bylakuppe in Periyapatna taluk of Mysuru district and thereafter will proceed to Mysuru city to inaugurate the mega dairy of MyMUL at Alanahalli at 2.30pm.

Later, the CM will inaugurate new buildings of University of Mysore's Law School, Organic Chemistry Department, Centenary Museum, Molecular Biology, Genetics and Genomes and Commercial Complex (Gangothri Downs) at a programme to take place at Crawford Hall at 3.30 pm. He will also lay the foundation stone for UoM's proposed new building at the foot of Chamundi Hill and inaugurate UoM's newly-introduced Distance Education Courses.

The CM will be felicitated at a programme to take place at Maharaja's College Grounds at 5.30pm, following which he will leave for Bengaluru by road at 7.30 pm.

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India Post 'Letter Box' seeing red as letter posting drops by 50 per cent

SMS, Internet, WhatsApp hit oldest form of exchanging news

By Rajkumar Bhavasar

There was a time when there was a particular style of writing letters to one's parents beginning with the words: *'Respected father and mother,* My deepest pranams to both of you, hope you are all well at your end, I am fine here and ending with please reply to this letter as soon as it reaches your hand.' There would also be an 'Om' written on the top of the letter to seek the Almighty's blessings.

This was the way people wrote about 30 to 40 years ago and posted the letters in the Letter Box (which is also known as post box, mail box or drop box). The reply would also arrive with the letters written in own handwriting. It would invariably take two or three days and if it was from a distant place, then even a week or 15 days. But the moment the Postman delivered the letters there would be a smile on the faces of people receiving the letter or even sadness depending on the occasion.

Thanks to improved means of communication like Internet, SMS, WhatsApp, Instagram and other social media platforms, the attachment towards the Letter Boxes has lost its sheen and such handwritten letter writing has dropped considerably. The emotion that was attached before with sending and receiving of letters has lost its earlier affection among the public as people are using the easy and instant options available.

Since the last ten years people have moved towards internet with their personal e-mail IDs, apart from group email IDs and the Letter Box has become a thing of the past, standing like an orphan as hardly anyone uses it to drop letters. Besides, the youth population has almost forgotten the art of letter writing as all they need to do is send SMS using abbreviated forms like 'tnk u.'

Earlier if we had to write long letters we would use white sheets and put it in a cover affixing a stamp and then drop it in the Letter Box. Also we would buy post cards and inland letters and fill every inch of available space and drop them in letter boxes taking care to see that we push it down so that the Postman will not miss putting it into the mail sack.

The Postal Department would sort them out, stamp them with their Post Office seal and then deliver them to the respective destinations. However, now the letters in the Letter Boxes have dropped by more than 50%.

According to the officials in the Postal Department the mails are classified into two types — first class mail and second class mail. In the first class mail, people were using post cards, inland letters and envelopes to write personal letters. In the second class, bulk mails like book post, invitations, periodicals and other forms are in use.

In the beginning there was more of first class mail and letters containing personal issues were in large numbers. The reply to these letters was also in huge numbers. But now everything is reduced to SMS, WhatsApp, Facebook which people find convenient as it is faster, in fact in seconds to reach the messages across and also receive the reply instantly.

However, the second class mail has still not stopped. Notices, periodicals and bulk mails are still there. But instead of dropping them in the Letter Boxes, they are taken to the Post Offices directly to post them. This has resulted in 50 per cent drop in use of Letter Boxes, said a Senior Officer in the Postal Department.

Even then, the use of postal services cannot be ignored totally. The Post Offices still render valuable services through their speed post articles, postal life insurance policies and business related articles.

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Different types of Letter Boxes

In the midst of all this, different types of red Letter Boxes are still in existence. The days of Postman riding a bicycle carrying huge sacks on his shoulder to collect letters from the Letter Boxes is not there anymore as the dropping of letters in the boxes has dwindled. This goes to show that people have more or less stopped using Letter Boxes.

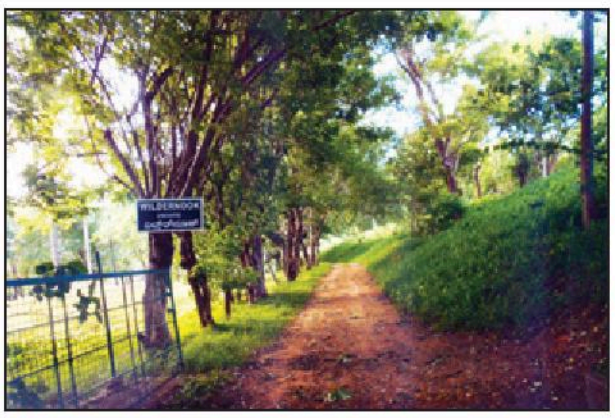
When one looks into history it shows that the era of 'Letter Boxes' started in 1854. The Letter Boxes in different designs still dot the city and village roads. There are letter boxes which resemble TV sets, some which are more than three feet in height in the shape of a pillar. Even they are divided into categories called C3, C4 and C5 which depicts whether the letter boxes are placed on the ground, whether they are hung on the tree trunks and medium or small size ones, which are still to be seen. For instance, the Letter Box opposite the Head Post Office at Nehru Circle and in Vontikoppal is in the shape of a TV.

Postal Training Centre: A must visit

The Postal Training Centre located in the Karanji Mansion near Nazarbad Police Station is a must-visit place to understand the rich history of the Postal Department. It also houses a Museum. As one enters the place, one is greeted by the green painted tall Post Box with the letters 'Travancore Anchal' and it also mentions the name of the company which made it — Massey & Co, Madras, which is of the vintage times of administration of Maharajas of Mysore.

There is also a tall red Letter Box with the royal insignia at the top of the box which states 'No Clearance on Sundays and Holidays' that jogs the memories of the people of that era where one would be sure that if the letter is posted on a holiday or Sunday, it would be lying there in the letter box, thus delaying the process of the letters reaching the persons it is meant for in another place.

New Year Greetings thru snail-mail



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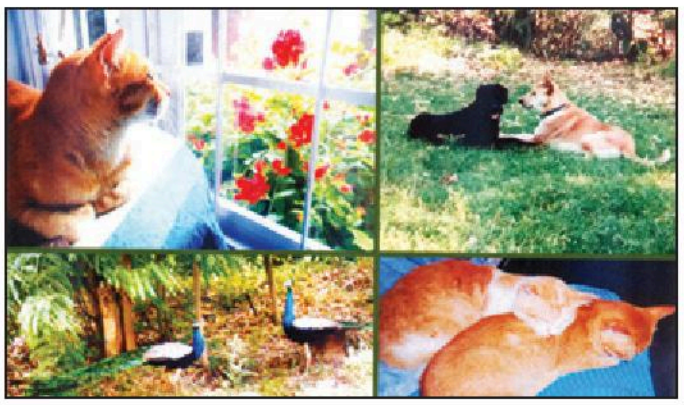


Even as the letters in the Letter Boxes are dropping by a whopping 50 per cent, here is an encouraging development that one of *Star of Mysore* readers Kitty Mandana shares regarding the New Year greetings that she almost decided to stop sending to her family and friends, which she had been doing for the last 12 years and why she changed her mind to continue sending specially made New Year cards. Now read on...—Ed

Dear...,

I'd decided to make my previous snail-mail greeting card my last, as a few cards earlier hadn't reached the designated destinations — perhaps with dwindling snail-mail Postmen are sometimes reluctant to carry a single card/letter to the addressee and so dispose of it in other ways! However, I am pushing my luck one more time with the postal dept, mainly to thank you and wish you well. I was astonished by the touchingly bountiful bouquet of responses my cards evoked, in the form of incredible letters, some lovely lengthy texts and even bringing over a couple of unanticipated, happy visits ! Letters from peers I treasure, but that the younger generation took time off to write, some communicating at length, and a few even adding a verse or sketch of their own — all expressing appreciation and their reasons for a peremptory "NO" to my curtailing future cards, had me amazed and reinforced my conviction that the world is full of warm-hearted souls! (Big surprise — some of the heart-tugging notes were from seemingly stoic, matter-of-fact friends!)

Replies...

PS: From the many unexpected outpourings received, a young friend wrote, she searched for the special handmade letter-pad she had bought decades ago (but had never used) to write her letter to me now, and to begin with she exclaims, "... what a wonderful feeling I am experiencing just writing on papyrus again!"

Another dear one says, "I implore you not to stop, as you've inspired me to communicate in this manner with my little nephew abroad and it feels increasingly special. I look forward to a part of you and "Wildernook" every year!"

A young German friend writes, "... your last card so AWAKENED me ! — I sat down and wrote a letter each to my Oma... "(her grand mom)" ... an aunt and two nieces — the outcome is super-beautiful ! I've re-entered the delightful world of "special-bonding!..." And so on...

Rangayana to stage 8 shows of *Sri Ramayana Darshanam* in second phase

Mysuru, Feb.28 (PM&NNN)- The hugely popular *'Sri Ramayana Darshanam,'* the four-and-a-half-hour play adapted from the epic poem of the same name penned by Jnanpith awardee, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, will be staged again in the city on eight days, said Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy.

Addressing a press conference at Rangayana here yesterday, he said that the first show was held on Nov.15 and so far 30 shows have been staged in 18 districts of the State where there has been an excellent response. Inspired by the response, Rangayana has planned to stage 20 shows in the second phase.

In the second phase, eight shows will be staged in Mysuru on Mar. 5 and 7 and again on Apr. 9, 12, 14, 17, 19 and on Apr.21 the 50th show will be staged, all at Bhoomigeetha in Rangayana premises from 6pm. On this day not only literary giants in the field but also Kuvempu's daughter Tarini and son-in-law Prof. Chidananda Gowda, former VC of Kuvempu University will be invited, he said.

However, the first show in the second phase will begin with the play being staged at Bapuji Sabhangana in Davangere on Mar.2, in association with the local theatre groups, said Mallikarjunaswamy. In all, 20 shows will be staged in the second phase including eight in Mysuru. The other places where it will be staged apart from Davangere are at Kukke Subramanya, Mudradi, Udupi, Mangaluru, Ramnagara, Hunsur, Bengaluru, Gowribidanur, Channapatna and Mallathahalli (Bengaluru), he said.

Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam said that the response to *Ramayana Darshanam* was beyond expectations and hence they had decided on the second phase where nearly 45 artistes will be part of the play.

Even in a place like Kolar where there is not much encouragement for the plays, it was heartening to see that people came on bullock carts to watch the play, she said.

The tickets for all the eight shows priced at Rs.50 can be booked in advance at Rangayana during office hours.

Senior artiste Jagadish Manevarte said that though there was always good response from the people of old Mysuru region for amateur plays, the same was not seen in North Karnataka where company plays had a bigger demand. However, *Ramayana Darshanam* was an exception as it attracted huge crowds. In all, over 30,000 people had watched the play in the first phase, he added.

Senior artistes M.S. Geetha, Prashanth Hiremath and Krishnakumar Narnakaje were present at the press meet where the drama's posters were also released.

II PU exams from tomorrow: Police clamp prohibitory orders

Mysuru, Feb.28 (RK&DM) - A total of 34,685 students from the district will appear for second PUC exam (2018-19) starting from tomorrow (Mar.1) at 50 centres across the district. There are 26 centres in the city and 24 at different locations in the district.

Out of the total 34,685 students (girls -17,810 and boys - 16,875) in the district, 28,777 are freshers, 4,495 repeaters and 1,413 private students.

Commerce stream has the highest number of students writing the exam (12,932), followed by Science (12,082) and Arts (9,671).

The exams will be monitored by two sitting squads with a Joint Chief at each centre to ensure that no malpractice takes place. Barring the students and staff on exam duty, no other person will be allowed entry to the centres.

Police have clamped prohibitory orders is 200 metre radius of all exam centres on all days of the exam and photocopy shops in the vicinity of exam centres have been asked to close down from morning till evening. All rooms in the exam centres have been fitted with CCTV cameras, according to DDPUE Dr. Dayananda. **Exams will be held between 10.15 am and 1.30 pm from Mar.1 to Mar.18.**

Tomorrow, the first day of the exam, the students will appear for Economics and Physics subjects. There will be no exam on Mar.3 (Sunday), Mar.4 (Shivaratri), Mar.10 and Mar.17 (Sundays). The exams will conclude on Mar.18 with English paper.

Golden Mask to adorn Deity at Palace Temple on Shivaratri

Mysuru, Feb.28- Marking Mahashivaratri on Mar.4, the presiding deity at Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple in the Palace premises here will be adorned with a Golden Mask (Chinnada Kolaga).

Darshan for public will be allowed from 6 am to midnight that day. Special Pujas will be performed at Sri Kamakameshwari Temple on Ramanuja Road and cultural programmes will be held in the evening, according to a press release from the Manager, Palace Muzrai Temples.

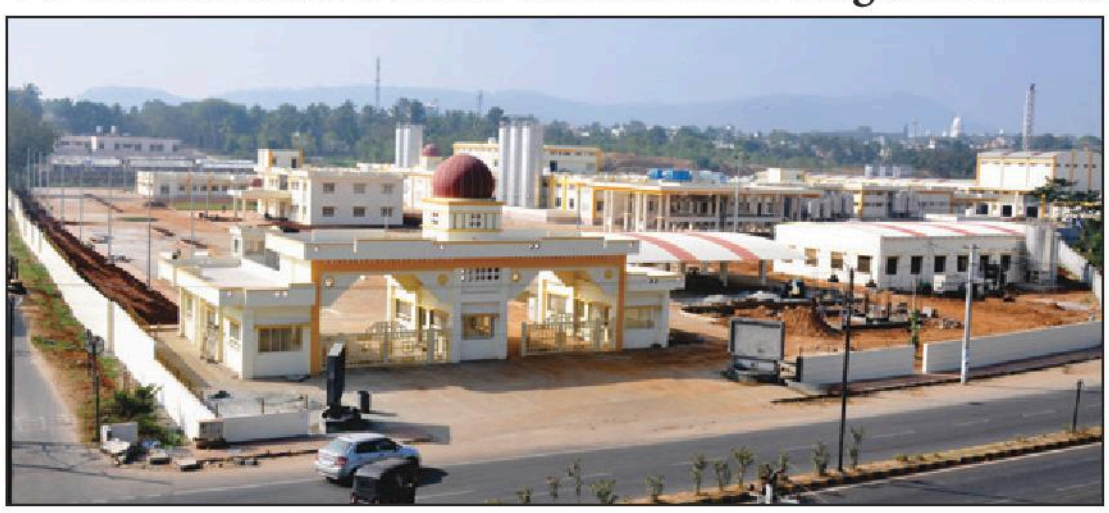
ORI Director to talk at Rotary Mysore

Mysuru, Feb. 28 (KS)- Oriental Research Institute (ORI) Director Prof. S. Shivarajappa will be delivering a talk on ancient manuscripts at the Rotary Mysore weekly meeting to be held at the Rotary Centre on JLB Road here today (Feb. 28) at 6.30 pm, according to a press release.

CM to dedicate state-of-the-art MyMUL Mega Dairy tomorrow

Bust of Dr. Verghese Kurien

- **It is State's largest automated facility which involves zero human intervention**
- **District Minister to unveil bust of Dr. Verghese Kurien**



Mysuru, Feb. 28 (YDS&BCT)- In yet another feather in the cap of the City of Palaces, a state-of-the-art Mega Dairy of Mysuru Milk Union Limited (MyMUL) has taken shape at Alanahalli.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will launch the facility tomorrow at 2.30 pm. It is a fully automated mega milk dairy set up by Mysuru District Cooperative Milk Producers' Societies' Union and will be operational from Mar. 31. Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda will inaugurate the bust of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the 'Father of the White Revolution' in India.

Kurien's "billion-litre idea" and "Operation Flood," was the world's largest agricultural dairy development programme and he was instrumental in revolutionising AMUL (Anand Milk Union Limited) Co-operative Society at Anand in Gujarat. Kurien's bust has been sculpted by Mysuru's Arun Yogiraj.

The mega dairy in Mysuru is built at an estimated cost of Rs. 187 crore on 13 acres of land, also making it the biggest compared to similar facilities in other parts of the State, especially in Bengaluru. "Though the State has two dairies with the latest technology, the new unit in Mysuru is the largest in Karnataka. The land of the new unit is spread over 13 acres out of 38.19 acres owned by Mysuru District Cooperative Milk Producers' Societies' Union," MyMUL Managing Director M.S. Vijay Kumar told reporters yesterday at a press conference held at the new facility.

Unlike the existing plant at Siddarthanagar, the new plant is a fully automated facility with zero human intervention from the start to end stage of production. "The whole process, from offloading milk from the tankers till packing, is totally automated. The process can be controlled by a computer. As the milk will not be exposed to air throughout the process, the products will be of superior quality," he assured.

The facility has the capacity to process six lakh litres milk a day, which can be increased to nine lakh litres. "It has been decided to cut down on employees who are deployed for odd work, especially in cleaning and other departments in the unit. Most of the equipment installed here is imported from Sweden, mainly those installed to pasteurise milk and separate cream from milk, he added. Milk production in Mysuru has increased in the recent years and the existing dairy on Bannur Road in Siddarthanagar has a processing capacity of three lakh litres a day. The dairy receives 6.5 lakh litres of milk a day supplied by 2.6 lakh farmers in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts. The existing unit was upgraded four times and as there was no option for extension, a new unit was established, he said.

"The government has invested Rs. 128 crore in the first phase, and works at a cost of Rs. 59 crore will be taken up in the second phase. Milk powder unit with the capacity to produce 30 metric tonnes will be established in phase two, Vijay Kumar said.

Civil works on the main building, utility block, new administrative office, canteen, water sump, vehicle parking lot, security division, Weigh Bridge, roads are being completed, he added.

In all, there are 280 permanent staff and 450 outsourced staff, with a majority of permanent staff due to retire in another two or three years. "A proposal has been forwarded to the government to recruit 150 skilled staff, he said.

Before the press conference, Additional Director (Engineering) H.R. Raghu took the media around the facility and said unlike the existing plant, the new plant will be fully automated and controlled by the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.

"Beginning from the reception bay, where milk will be unloaded from vans, to packing the same in the final stage, every stage of production will be manned by technology. It is expected to bring down dependency on human resources by 50 per cent. Only treated water generated through Reverse Osmosis (RO) method will be used to ensure quality product to consumers, with the thrust on providing high quality milk," he said.

Mysuru Dairy President K.G. Mahesh, Directors A.T. Somashekar, K.S. Kumar, K.C. Balaram, Leela Nagaraj and others were present.

K.R. Hospital Speciality OPDs shifted to Jayadeva Block

Mysuru, Feb.28 (RK&NNN)- The super speciality OPD (Out Patient Department) units of Cardiology, Nephrology, Urology, Oncology, Plastic Surgery and Endocrinology, which were functioning at the K.R. Hospital, has been shifted to the IPD-OPD New Block which earlier housed the branch of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research. The super speciality units were inaugurated at the old Jayadeva Block on Sunday by MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr.C.P. Nanjaraj. Heads of the Department Dr. Dinesh, Dr. Prakash, Dr. Niranjan, Dr. Chandrashekar and Dr. Rajesh (Neurology) and RMO Dr. Rajesh were present.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* here this morning K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. M. Srinivas said that after Jayadeva Institute shifted to its own building on KRS Road, the place was lying vacant and as the pressure on the OPDs in the super speciality units increased it was decided to shift them to the Jayadeva Block. The OPDs of all the Departments are situated on the ground floor of the five-storey Jayadeva Block and in the first floor the Operation Theatre (OT) of the super speciality units will be housed. The PWD has been asked to give the estimate and once it is approved the work on OTs will begin shortly, he said.

Apart from the OPD, an intensive care unit (ICU) for the Department of Emergency Medicine will also be functioning soon. The idea of having all the speciality OPDs in one place will benefit the patients as they need not run from one place to another, unlike in K.R. Hospital where they were all functioning in wherever the rooms were available that was causing a lot of inconvenience.

However, the super speciality hospital is being built on the campus of PKTB Sanatorium on KRS Road. Once the hospital is ready it will be shifted to the new campus. Meanwhile, the super speciality OPDs will function at the new block, he said.

RTO cracks down on bike taxis in city; deems them illegal

Rapido operators protesting at Jaladarshini Guest House in city this morning.

Mysuru, Feb. 28 (RK,RKB& BCT)- Transport Department officials have been impounding bikes operating as taxis in Mysuru. The vehicles were being seized as part of a crackdown against the operation of illegal bike taxis including the ones belonging to Ola and Rapido.

The State Transport Authority has directed the transport department officials to seize taxis if found operating and penalise them. Cases are being booked against bike owners and a fine of Rs. 2,000 will have to be paid for using bikes with white number plates on them for commercial purposes.

Deputy Transport Commissioner (West), in a press release, has stated that it has come to the notice of RTO that companies like Rapido and Ola are operating two-wheelers with white registration boards as bike taxies for the public which is illegal and not approved under the Motor Vehicle Act. He has warned of legal action on the operating

company and owners of such two-wheelers, which are being provided as bike taxis.

The official claimed that they started seizing vehicles lately after issuing several warnings to the operators. Though the exact number of vehicles seized so far was not available, a number of riders of the two-wheelers had stopped offering services.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, RTO (West) Prabhuswamy said that the taxi operators have not sought any permission to operate services.

"We don't have any data on bike service operators in Mysuru and they are registered only on the apps of the service providers. It is an illegal service. The safety of passengers and the condition of bikes are a matter of concern," he said.

Rapido operators, on their part, have claimed that the crackdown on bike taxies was unjust. "There are over 2,000 bike taxi operators in Mysuru and now all of them have come to the streets. We are harassed by taxi operators Uber and Ola," they alleged.

"Customers have appreciated our service and we provide a safe transport," operators said. They have submitted a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda to restore the bike taxi services. Today morning, over 100 Rapido operators were waiting for the Minister at Jaladarshini Guest House in city to air their grievances.

Mysuru-Kushalnagar Rly. Line sanctioned

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The Railways had conducted a detailed survey for the Mysuru-Kushalnagar Line but the survey for the Kushalnagar-Madikeri section could not be conducted as the Forest Department did not give permission for the same. Now, the project has been approved till Kushalnagar.

CWS reacts

Reacting to the project clearance, President of Coorg Wildlife Society (CWS) President K.C. Biddappa said that the Railway Line up to Kushalnagar was a welcome move but the project should not be extended to Madikeri at any cost.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Biddappa said, "We are not against development. If there is a Railway Line till Kushalnagar from Mysuru, we welcome the same. But the project must not be extended to Madikeri as it will cause severe environmental damage. Even while implementing the Mysuru-Kushalnagar Line, enough care must be taken not to damage the environment," he said.

Public debate

Meanwhile, Colonel (Retd.) C.P. Muthanna, who is spearheading the movement against Railway projects that will destroy the eco-sensitive Kodagu told SOM, "If we allow the train to Kushalnagar, it is definite that it will cut through Madikeri to reach Mangaluru, damaging the catchment area of River Cauvery. We do not need a Railway line to Kodagu." He added that he was ready for a public debate with MP Pratap Simha on the destruction that such Railway projects will unleash on Kodagu.

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India will fight as ONE, says PM

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The BJP has said that today's programme, *"Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot"* was the "world's largest video conference" as part of the ruling party's campaign for the Lok Sabha election. The party claimed that Modi's address will reach approximately 10 crore people across various digital platforms. Today's interaction was organised simultaneously across over 4,120 Assembly seats and 545 Lok Sabha seats at over 15,000 places.

In Mysuru, the interaction was beamed from a giant screen set up at Platinum Jubilee Hall of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute at J.K. Grounds.

Addressing the large gathering spread across the country, Modi said, "When the enemy tries to destabilise India through a terrorist attack, their motive is also to stop the progress of the country. We have to stand like a wall against their motives. We have to show them that this nation would neither stop nor its development would stop."

"There are some people who, out of their 'political greed', want a 'helpless government'. In such a situation, it becomes the responsibility of booth workers to make people understand what difference a strong government can make to the country. We have stopped the loot of government capital and thousands of crores of rupees of our citizens have been saved. A slight mistake can bring back the era of corruption.," Modi said.

On a worker's question over the Mahaghatbandhan, PM Modi said, "This is not Mahaghatbandhan but Mahamilawat. Those who never used to meet each other's eye, they are sharing a single stage today. This Mahamilawat, aimed at saving Congress, can put the country in an ICU."

Samjhauta Express suspended

Lahore, Feb. 28 - Pakistani authorities have suspended the Samjhauta Express train service between India and Pakistan until further notice.

"The operation of Samjhauta Express has been suspended today (Thursday) in view of the prevailing tensions between Pakistan and India," Pakistan's foreign office spokesperson said in a statement. "Samjhauta Express will resume its operations as soon as the security situation improves between India and Pakistan," Pakistan's foreign office said, without giving any specific date for resuming the train service. The statement came after a spokesperson of the Pakistan Railways said early in the morning that the train service scheduled to depart for India at 8:00 am (local time) was cancelled.

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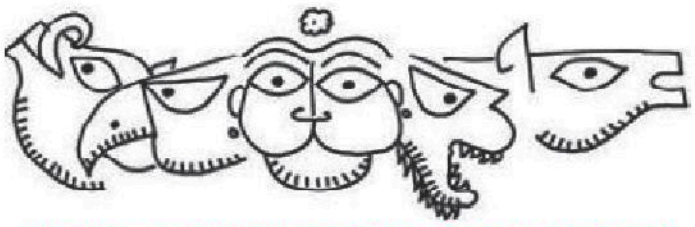
The Five-Headed Hanuman



The images of Hanuman with his five arms, five heads trampling two demons Mahiravan and Ahiravan, with his upraised tail and an aggressive posture is a very strong tantric symbol.

One of the popular images of Hanuman is one where he has five faces and five pairs of hands. It is known as the Panchmukhi, or five-faced, Hanuman. It reminds us of Krishna's Vishwarupa described in the Bhagavad Gita, albeit a diminutive version. It transforms Hanuman from a dependable servant of Ram to a very independent deity worshipped in his own right.

Besides the monkey head, there is the head of a lion, an eagle, a wild boar, and a horse. The horse represents Hayagriva, the God of wisdom, the Varaha represents Vishnu's boar form, the eagle represents the soaring Garuda and the lion represents the powerful Narasimha. In his five hands, Hanuman holds five weapons. Panchmukhi Hanuman is often kept in temples facing the South and is also called Dakshin Mukhi Hanuman, the South being the direction of death, associated with Yama and with ghosts, goblins, negative and malevolent forces. This form of Hanuman is used especially in the occult practices to protect oneself from negative forces.

This image became very popular about a thousand years ago, much after the Valmiki Ramayana was composed. It was also closely linked to the tantric period and the rise of yogic practices. The belief was that Hanuman being a celibate hermit had Siddhi, or special occult powers, that enabled him to change his size and shape at will. He could fly in the air, float on water, reduce his size — become tiny as a bee and as gigantic as a mountain — because of Siddhi.

This made him very popular among occult practitioners In the Middle Ages, a new retelling of Ramayana known as Adbhut Ramayana emerged. This Ramayana has a tantric flavour, in which Ram is sidelined — at one level by Sita and at another, by Hanuman. Sita takes the form of Mahakali to defeat Ravan's elder brother, proving to Ram that she is quite capable of taking care of herself. It is she who is giving him the power to establish his royal prestige by defeating Ravan.

At the same time, there is a story of Ram being abducted by Mahiravan. Hanuman goes to the nether regions and, fighting various forms of demons, he ultimately defeats Mahiravan, his wife and son, Ahiravan. He rescues Ram, who is about to be sacrificed to the Goddess Kali. Here, Hanuman is closely associated with Kali and in relation, the occult and tantric traditions. This form of Hanuman is often also called Paatali Hanuman (one who travelled to the netherworlds) and is very popular in rural India.

The images of Hanuman with his five arms, five heads trampling two demons Mahiravan and Ahiravan, with his upraised tail and an aggressive posture is a very strong tantric symbol. This is used independently by many people to protect themselves and give themselves strength in hard times. The image reminds us of possibilities. Hanuman is a vanara, a monkey in popular imagination. But when he meets Ram, when he serves Ram, he travels to the South and to the nether regions (Pataal) and discovers the divine potential within him as he solves problems. This potential enables him to the limitations of his monkey body. He discovers within himself the horse, the lion, the eagle and the wild boar. It reminds us to rise above the constraints of biology, through faith, patience and perseverance.

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VVCE *Team Falcon* wins Indian Karting Race championship

Mysuru, Feb. 28- Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) *Team Falcon v3.0* participated in the All India-level Karting competition called Indian Karting Race (IKR) conducted by Imperial Society of Innovative Engineers (ISIE) and bagged four awards.

Team Falcon v3.0 is a group of 24 mechanical engineers who have designed and manufactured a manual transmission Go-kart. Go-kart is an open-wheel, four-wheeled vehicle, which is used for motor-sport road racing. Go-karting is the basic and stepping-stone to the higher ranks of motor-sports.

The competition was held in three rounds namely: Pre-virtuals, Virtuals Round and Final Championship.

Team Falcon v3.0 has brought laurels both to the college and the city by being first in both Pre-Virtuals and Virtuals rounds. The final championship was held from Feb.4 to 10 in Galgotias University, Delhi and Buddh International Circuit, Noida.

In the final championship, the VVCE team bagged four awards namely: Runners up in Cross-Pad event (Rs.5,000 cash prize), Winners in B-Plan and Cost Report (Rs. 10,000 cash prize), ISIE Future Award (Rs. 40,000 cash prize) and Hero Electric Spirit of Indian Karting Award.

About Team Falcon v3.0

Team Falcon v3.0 is an amalgam of 15 final year students (D.L. Akash, Bharath Yogendra, Adarsh M. Rao, B.C. Chirag, Murali Krishna, Akshay Sai, M. Adithya, Ravi Teja, C. Manuj, M.D. Jayasurya, Charan, Rahul Rajeev, J. Keerthan, Rani and Ramya), 8 pre-final year students (Omkar, Pavan Chaithanya, Pavan Kumar, Chandrakant, Mohammed Akeef, Hareesh, Murali and Sreeja) and one second year student (S. Vaishnavi).

D.L. Akash and Bharath Yogendra are the Captain and Vice-Captain of the team respectively.

The team was divided into 6 departments each headed by a final year student. The departments and their heads are: Design Department - Murali Krishna, Steering Department - Adarsh M. Rao, Braking and Electrical Department - M.D. Jayasurya, Engine and Transmission Department - M. Adithya, Purchasing Department - Akshay Sai and Marketing Department - B.C. Chirag. The drivers are D.L. Akash and B.C. Chirag. The faculty co-ordinators are Prof. Arun C. Dixit and Prof. R. Shivashankar.

The team has thanked Dr. G.V. Naveen Prakash, Professor and Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal and members of management for their support and encouragement throughout the process, according to a press release from Professor Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna.

xCads support Forest Fire relief work

Mysuru, Feb.28- xCads, an initiative of ex-NCC Cadets, supported the Forest Department and volunteers who were dousing the forest fire since the past few days. The xCads supported the relief work by providing food, medicines, masks, ORS fluids, fruits, biscuits, bread and many other things that were required.

The officers and staff of the Forest Department were very co-operative in helping understand the on-ground situation and providing details of what was required.

xCads visited Bandipur and Maddur forest ranges on Feb. 25 with food for 200 people. Food was supported by Murali from FoodBox, Mysuru. Water, ORS fluids, fruits, biscuits were also provided. Biscuits were supplied by R. Ravindra, an xCad who works with Britannia.

On Feb.26, xCads went with more ORS, masks, fruits, biscuits, bread, jam, rusks, water and other essentials. Nathan and Arun from Bengaluru sent two drones to help the Forest Department in understanding and evaluating the forest fire situation.

Many citizens supported the xCads by providing necessities. H.R.Leelavathi, doyen of Sugama Sangeetha, donated Rs. 10,000 towards this cause.

The xCads initiative was driven by xCad B.N.Pramodh along with xCads Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy, xCad R. Ravindra, xCad B.R. Rajesh, xCad Shivaranjan, xCad Somashekar, xCad Girish, Sushmitha (from JSS Physiotherapy College), K.S. Sudheer and Pradeep, who supported with his Tata Ace vehicle.

Bronze winners at All India Handball Tourney

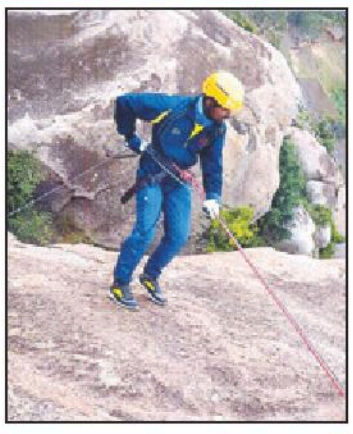
The women's handball team of University of Mysore (UoM) has bagged bronze medal at the All India Inter-University Hanball Tournament 2018-19 held at Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur, UP, recently. Seen in the picture are (from left - standing) **B.S. Rakshitha, A. Ujwala, H.P. Ranjitha, Rakshitha, S. Tushara, C.G. Ashwini, P. Lavanya, M.P. Pallavi, M.P. Gowthami, K.B. Kripa Dechamma and J. Nemi Wilcy;** (sitting) **Coach H.B. Bharath, Manager Dr. Pashupathi, Finance Officer Prof. B. Mahadevappa, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi, UoM's Department of Physical Education Director (in-charge) Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Coach Dr. Ravi and Captain Nithyashri.**

Selected for Natl. Karate Tourney

L. Jeevitha, a Grade V student of The Orchids School, Ramakrishnanagar, bagged 1st place in the State-level KAI (Karate Association of India) Tourney held at Udupi and she is now selected for the National-level which will be held in Assam shorty. She is seen with her mentor Siddaraju.

Youth enjoy adventure camps at Anthara Gange and Kunthi Betta

Mysuru, Feb.28- National Adventure Foundation, Karnataka II Chapter, conducted an adventure programme for the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Kolar at Anthara Gange Hill in Kolar and for Bengaluru Urban at Kunthi Betta in Pandavapura recently.



During the programme, sponsored by the Government of Karnataka, the youth underwent training in trekking, rock climbing and rappelling, river-crossing, zipline and jummering.

The programme was inaugurated by R. Geetha and Shashikhala, the District Youth Services and Sports Departments, Kolar and Bengaluru Urban.

The programme was conducted under the leadership of NAF Karnataka II Mysuru Director Rukmini Chandran, Senior Instructors Praveen, Sivakumar, Chandru, Madhu and Manoj.

To take part in National Arm Wrestling

Mysuru, Feb.28- Mahadev, son of Marinayaka and a resident of Hitna Colony in H.D. Kote taluk of Mysuru district, has been selected for the 43rd National Arm Wrestling Tournament to be held at Chhattisgarh from May 1 to 4.

An employee at a private hotel in city, Mahadev is undergoing training in Arm Wrestling for the past nine months.

He had recently bagged a Gold Medal in the 7th State-level Arm Wrestling Tournament held at Karkala and has also won third place in the National-level Classic Open Arm Wrestling Tournament held in Bengaluru recently.

District-level Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament on Mar.12

Mysuru, Feb.28- Karnataka Rajya Savitha Samaja, Narasimharaja Constituency, has organised the Second Annual District-level Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament in the memory of martyred soldiers, at Lalitha Mahal Palace Ground in city on Mar.12 at 10 am.

First prize will carry a cash prize of Rs.15,000, second prize Rs.7,500. Also individual prizes will be awarded. Entry fee is Rs.1,500. For details, contact Mob: 81479-86879 or 99726-67349.

Football League: Big win for Nethaji FC

Mysuru, Feb.28- A brace by right-out C.B. Reddy and left-out Rajesh, a goal each by Sunil and Immanuel helped Nethaji FC to register a big 6-0 win over Metro FC in the MDFA 'C' Division Football League (2018-19) for the Chirag Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

RESULT — Nethaji FC: 6 (C.B. Reddy 17, 53, Rajesh, 49, 57, Sunil 30, Immanuel 55) bt **Metro FC:** 0.

City boys for PGTI Chittgong Open Golf Tourney

Mysuru, Feb.28- Mysuru's upcoming professional men golfers, M.S. Yashas Chandra and I.L. Aalaap (both from JWGC), will be taking part in the PGTI Tour City Bank American Express Chittagong Open - 2019 from Mar.6 to 9, at Bhatiary Golf & Country Club, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

The Rs.40 lakh Prize Money Tournament will see top Indian golfers Shamim Khan, Rashid Khan, Honey Baisoya, Udhayan Mane, Mukesh Kumar and Aruna Rohana (from SL) in action.

Basketball: Young Orions score over Rising Star

Bengaluru, Feb.28- Inspiring play by Nikhil (20) and Bryan (14) helped Young Orions to register a 66-46 win over Rising Star, Mysuru, in the Karnataka State 'A' Division Basketball League for Men for the Prof. N.C. Parappa Memorial Trophy at Sree Kanteerava Stadium here yesterday.

RESULTS — Young Orions: 66 (Nikhil 20, Bryan 14) bt **Rising Star, Mysuru:** 46 (Shravan 14, Amogh 12).

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22818/22817	Mysore-Howrah Weekly Express	12.30 am (Mon)	02.50 am (Mon)	01.00 am (Sun)	03.45 am (Sun)
12610/12609	Mysuru-Chennai Express (Super Fast)	04.45 am	07.45 am	08.10 pm	11.30 pm
16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.30 am (Mon)	08.00 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	05.50 am	08.55 am	05.45 pm	08.40 pm
[NOTE: This extended train 17326 departs Ashokapuram at 5.15 am to reach Mysore City Railway Station at 5.25 am; Similarly, on arrival, Train No. 17325 will leave Mysore City Railway Station at 8.55 pm to reach Ashokapuram at 9.15 pm].					
56231/56232	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	06.10 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.45 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Express	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.50 pm (Thu)	11.30 pm (Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Express	07.20 am	09.55 am	12.15 am	02.45 am
		(Tue & Thu)		(Sun & Tue)	(Sun & Tue)
16023/16024	Mysore-Yelahanka-Malgudi Exp. (Super Fast)	08.25 am	10.55 am	01.30 pm	04.00 pm
56281/56282	Chamarajnagar-Bangalore Passenger	09.05 am	12.40 pm	03.30 pm	06.40 pm
19668/19667	Palace Queen Weekly Humsafar Express (Mysuru-Udaipur City-Mysuru)	10.00 am (Thu)	12.10 pm (Thu)	01.50 pm (Wed)	04.25 pm (Wed)
12975/12976	Jaipur Express (Super Fast)	10.30 am	12.55 pm	01.00 pm	03.45 pm
		(Thursday and Saturday)		(Wednesday and Friday)	

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12008/12007	Shatabdi-Express (except Wednesdays)	02.15 pm	04.15 pm	11.00 am	01.00 pm
16557/16558	Mysore-Bangalore Rajya Rani Express	02.30 pm	05.10 pm	10.30 am	01.30 pm
56237/56238	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	02.45 pm	06.10 pm	07.00 pm	10.20 pm
16535/16536	Mysore-Solapur Golgumbaz Express	03.30 pm	06.30 pm	08.05 am	11.00 am
16232/16231	Mysore-Mayiladuthurai (Super Fast)	04.15 pm	06.45 pm	06.00 am	08.30 am
16219/16220	Tirupati Express	05.00 pm	08.25 pm	07.20 am	10.20 am
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16592/16591	Mysore-Hubli Hampi Express	07.00 pm	09.55 pm	06.20 am	09.10 am
16227/16228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Express	07.30 pm	10.30 pm	04.30 am	07.45 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Express	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.50 pm (Wed)	05.35 am (Fri)	08.10am (Fri)
16022/16021	Cauvery Express (to Chennai)	09.00 pm	11.45 pm	04.00 am	06.40 am
11065/11066	Mysore-Renigunta Express	10.55 pm (Fri)	01.19 am (Sat)	12.30 am (Sun)	3.10am (Sun)
06576/06575	Mysuru-KSR B'luru City MEMU Special	11.05 pm	01.50 am	07.50 pm	10.40 pm
		(Wed, Thursday, Fri & Saturday)		(Wed, Thur, Friday & Saturday)	
56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.15 am	11.55 pm	04.15 am

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56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
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56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.00 am	09.55 am (N'gud)	10.15 am (N'gud)	11.20 am
16220/16219	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.30 am	12.30 pm	03.10 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.35 pm	02.20 pm	06.00 pm	08.00 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	03.00 pm	04.40 pm	04.55 pm	06.40 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.40pm	08.55 pm	10.45 pm

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11036/11035	Mysore-Dadar Sharavathi Express	06.15 am	09.10 am	06.05 pm	09.40 pm
		(Sunday)		(Friday)	
56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.30 am	10.40 am	05.30 pm	9.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Hassan-Yesvantpur Passenger	07.45 am	03.40 pm (Yesvantpur)	12.15 pm (Yesvantpur)	08.05 pm
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.30 pm	04.30 pm
56268/56267	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.20 pm	10.40 pm	05.00 am	09.25 am
12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Exp.	08.10 pm	11.05 pm	01.40 am	04.55 am
		(Friday)		(Wednesday)	
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.10 am	07.05 am
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16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	02.00 pm	08.55 pm	07.50 am	02.50 pm

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16517/16523	Bengaluru-Kannur / Karwar Express	08.30 pm (B'lore)	11.00 pm (Mysore) [Sunday, Monday & Tuesday]
16518/16524	Kannur/ Karwar-Bengaluru Express	05.30 am (Mysore)	08.00 am (B'lore) [Friday, Saturday & Sunday]

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'Form Administrative Dev. Council in Coorg'

BJP leader Dr. Subramanian Swamy writes to PM Modi on Ram Setu and long-standing demand of Kodavas for Administrative Development Council

PM Modi

Dr. Swamy

New Delhi, Feb. 28- BJP leader Dr. Subramanian Swamy has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to immediately declare Ram Setu as National Heritage Monument. In a letter to Modi, Dr. Swamy pointed out that within a week, Election Commission is going to announce the Model Code of Conduct for the Lok Sabha polls and this decision should be announced immediately.

For the past two years, Dr. Swamy has been reiterating his demand to the PM, saying that the file is just pending in his office waiting for his approval.

"As we are approaching the date of announcement of the General Election to the Lok Sabha and onset of the Model Code, I wish to draw your attention to the two pending decisions for the Government which have great attractive value for the people of India," said Dr. Swamy.

The second was the formation of Administrative Development Council in Coorg (Kodagu), which is the long-standing demand of the Kodava community.

"The first is the long pending reply of the Government to my Writ Petition in the Supreme Court in which Notice to Government had been issued, on my Prayer seeking to declare Ram Setu as a National Heritage Monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act.

"This Prayer meets the criteria laid down in the said Act in Section 2 and that your Ministerial colleague Dr. Mahesh Sharma (Minister for Culture) confirmed this to me, stating that the decision is for the Cabinet to make. Therefore, I urge you that there should be no further delay in making the announcement that Government has decided to give recognition to the Ram Setu as a National Heritage Monument," said Dr. Swamy.

On the formation of Administrative Development Council in Coorg, Dr. Swamy has stated in his letter, "In a breakfast meeting of our Party in the main Parliament Library in which Party President Amit Shah, H.N. Ananth Kumar (late), Home Minister Rajnath Singh and myself were present at the table, it was decided there that the Codava Tribe of the Coorg area of Karnataka should be granted their right of an Administrative Development Council within the State of Karnataka."

"Codava people have contributed heavily to preserve the ancient culture of India against foreign invasions as well as provided many brave soldiers who rose by sheer bravery in performance to the highest level of the Army (for example the first Commander-in-Chief of Indian Army Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa). They want development of the hill area of Coorg through the Development Council because they have been exploited by people with black money in that part of India, for example by setting up a large number of coffee estates. Therefore, the Codavas must be granted this demand for self-development and sub-cultural protection, which is according to our party policy," Dr. Swamy said. "I hope you will instruct your office to see that both these popular demands are met during the next one week," the letter stated.

Ch'nagar ZP CEO transferred just hours after taking charge

Sathyabhama

Chamarajanagar, Feb.28 (SS&DM)- The newly-appointed Chamarajanagar Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO C. Sathyabhama was transferred within hours after she took charge on Wednesday.

Following the transfer of Dr. K. Harish Kumar, who was posted as Uttara Kannada DC a few days ago, Sathyabhama, who was serving as Chikkamagalur ZP CEO, was posted as Chamarajanagar ZP CEO.

Following her new posting, Sathyabhama took charge as the new ZP CEO yesterday morning and even met Chamarajanagar DC B.B. Cauvery at her office and introduced herself. Later Sathyabhama returned to Office and got going on her work, when in a surprising development, she was transferred yesterday evening, without assigning her any new posting.

Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) Secretary K.S. Lathakumari has been appointed in place of Sathyabhama.

It may be mentioned here that Sathyabhama had earlier served as an Assistant Commissioner in Chamarajanagar and as such she was quite familiar with the district.

No major damage due to wild fire in Bandipur, claims CM

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy during an aerial survey of Bandipur Forest yesterday.

Chamarajanagar, Feb. 28 (UNI)- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy yesterday conducted an aerial survey of the damages to the Bandipur National Park and Tiger Reserve and surrounding forests and said the forest fire was brought under control. "The damage has been contained and major destruction has not happened, he said.

The CM, who inspected the burnt forests, said the fire was contained with the help of Indian Air Force Helicopters and large number of forest staff and volunteers to bring down the fire. "Forest fires are common in summer and only dry grass and thick shrubs have been gutted without damaging big trees," he said.

Two IAF helicopters had worked for three days to douse the wild fire in the forest range and one of the choppers was kept as standby.

Though the forest fire is brought under control, smoke and ash is seen all over the Bandipur forest range including Gopalaswamy Hill today, which is the worst affected during the forest fire since last six days. Forest officials with their staff began patrolling all the ranges along with volunteers to extinguishing live embers and arresting any fresh fire in the forest, again.

With the entire department working 24X7 to contain the fire in Bandipur C. Jayaram, Chief Wildlife Warden said the fire incident spanning five days was the worst in the history of the department. While many blamed it on officials, Jayaram claimed that officials handled the situation efficiently.

The focus of the authorities yesterday was to ensure that the fire did not spread towards Maddur and Moolehole from the Gopalaswamy Hill ranges. Scores of forest guards hired for the fire season were deployed along the forest boundary separating Gopalaswamy Hills with Maddur range with volunteers supporting their effort.

Drones were used and monitored from the ground to ascertain if there was any fire spots. T. Balachandra, who took charge as the new Director of Bandipur Tiger Reserve late on Tuesday, visited the Gopalaswamy Hill range and Moolehole to apprise himself of the damage caused by fire.

Govt. restores posts of demoted SC/ST staff

Bengaluru, Feb.28- The State Government yesterday issued an order restoring the cadre and pay scale of thousands of SC/STs employees who were demoted following a February 2017 Supreme Court (SC) judgement that struck down reservation in promotions.

The order issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) stated that no fresh demotions will be effected for employees from their current positions. However, the order is subject to the outcome of cases related to reservation in promotion before the Supreme Court.

Yesterday's order has been issued to implement the Karnataka extension of consequential seniority to government servants promoted on the basis of Reservation Act, 2017. The Law was passed by the then Siddharamaiah government in 2017 to circumvent the Apex Court judgement and protect the consequential seniority accorded to SC/ST employees since April 1978. The Feb. 2017 SC Judgement had resulted in demotions of over 3,700 employees, promotions of more than 5,000 employees and alteration in the seniority of nearly 65,000 employees. The government on Jan. 30,2019 decided to implement the Law, even as the matter was before the Supreme Court. Subsequent to Wednesday's order, SC/ST employees will return to their cadre and pay-scale and will be given an equivalent posting based on availability.

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Impetus

Pronunciation: Im-pus-tus

Meaning: A driving force: impulse, stimulation or encouragement resulting in increased activity. The property possessed by a moving body in virtue of its mass and its motion — used of bodies moving suddenly or violently to indicate the origin and intensity of the motion.

Origin: You already have plenty of incentive to learn the origin of impetus, so we won't force the point. Impetus comes from Latin, where it means "attack or assault"; the verb impetere was formed by combining the prefix in- with petere, meaning "to go to or seek." Petere also gives us other words suggesting a forceful urging or momentum, such as appetite, perpetual, and centripetal. Impetus describes the kind of force that encourages an action ("the impetus behind the project") or the momentum of an action already begun ("the meetings only gave impetus to the rumors of a merger").

Example: The high salary and generous benefits package were impetus enough to apply for the job."Several legislators who spoke at last week's workshop cited a recent series by the Post & Courier of Charleston as the impetus for this year's focus on education." — Kirk Brown, The Greenville (South Carolina) News, 9 Jan. 2019.

THE ODD WORD

Raniform

A frog

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Frog in the throat

Meaning: The feeling that something is caught or stuck in one's throat. Could refer to actual hoarseness or the inability to speak due to fear.

Origin: 'A frog in the throat' is an American phrase that entered the language towards the end of the 19th century. The expression doesn't have a fanciful derivation but comes directly from the fact that a hoarse person sounds croaky like a frog. The earliest reference one can find to the expression is from How to be Man, which was an improving 'book for boys', written by the American clergyman Harvey Newcomb in 1847. Newcomb encouraged the youngsters to resist the temptation of 'improper diversions' [the nature of which I will leave to your imagination]: Now let me beg of you to learn to say NO. If you find a 'frog in your throat,' which obstructs your utterance, go by yourself, and practise saying no, no, NO!

QUOTE BOX

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people. **—Eleanor Roosevelt**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Missing You (U).

SUDOKU

	7						6	
9	8			1				
5		6	9					3
2				6		5		
		7		8		6		
		1		3				7
7					2	4		5
				7			8	2
	1						9	

Answer to previous puzzle

6	5	2	9	8	1	3	4	7
9	1	7	4	6	3	8	2	5
4	3	8	5	7	2	9	1	6
7	9	5	1	2	4	6	8	3
1	2	6	8	3	5	7	9	4
3	8	4	7	9	6	2	5	1
2	7	1	3	4	9	5	6	8
5	6	3	2	1	8	4	7	9
8	4	9	6	5	7	1	3	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

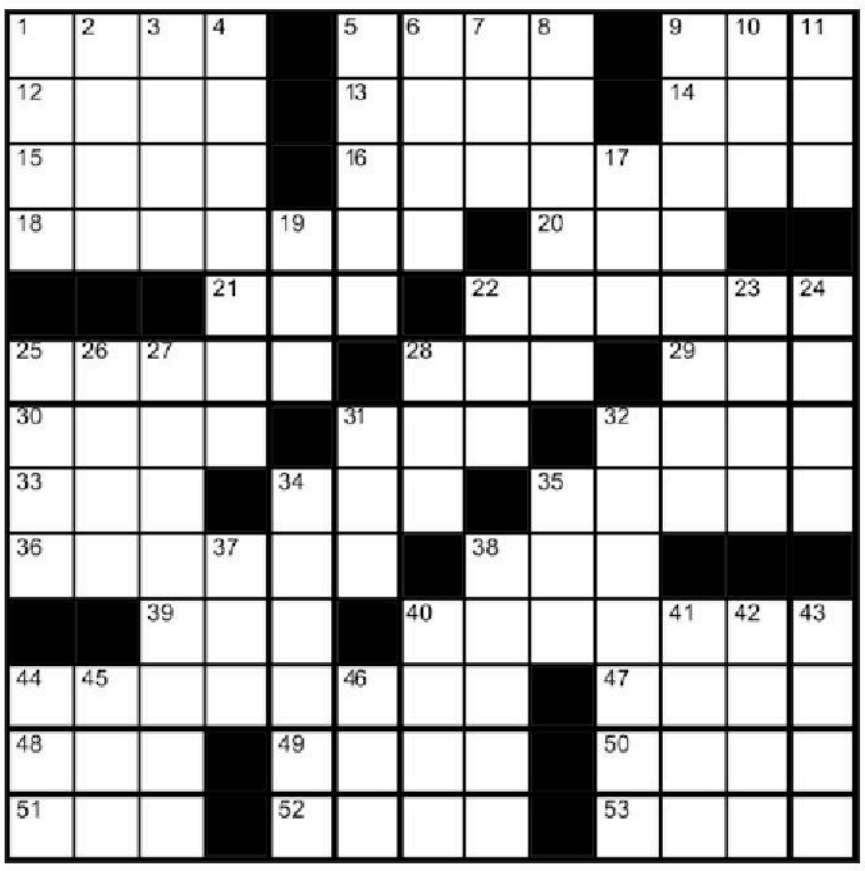
1 A kind of gun
5 Fail to include
9 Recede
12 Put on cargo
13 Middle of an apple
14 Pet name for Louis?
15 Afresh or again
16 Rejection, nonacceptance (4-4)
18 Irish ghost
20 At once, briefly
21 Floor covering
22 Ceremony
25 A devil or a demon
28 Fish appendage
29 Dutch commune
30 Author Hubbard (1,3)
31 Throng, horde or flock
32 Grow together
33 ___ Malik : music director of Gharwali Baharwali
34 Domestic hog
35 Secures a cable
36 Whirlpool or swirling mass
38 "My" in French ?
39 Integer, in short ?
40 Seats on horses
44 One who makes a will
47 100 centesimi
48 Thing done; deed
49 Plant anchor
50 Rich man from the Middle East
51 Moines leader
52 Puts on
53 A ___ in the eye : a rebuff or an insult or injury ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

L	I	S	A	■	H	U	T	■	B	A	S	H
A	B	U	D	H	A	B	I	■	A	D	E	S
T	I	E	R	■	W	O	O	D	L	A	N	D
A	S	T	I	R	■	A	S	I	S	■	■	■
■	■	■	F	E	L	T	■	M	A	R	C	H
■	A	T	T	A	R	■	O	■	M	A	Y	I
E	I	A	■	P	O	N	D	S	■	M	S	S
S	N	U	G	■	N	■	I	N	A	P	T	■
S	U	T	R	A	■	G	N	A	T	■	■	■
■	■	■	A	P	E	R	■	P	H	O	T	O
O	N	T	I	P	T	O	E	■	E	W	E	R
R	E	I	N	■	N	O	M	I	N	E	E	S
C	O	S	Y	■	A	M	U	■	E	N	D	O

DOWN

1 Talk indiscreetly
2 Rajput king ___ Pratap
3 Adam's habitation
4 Fourth-estate member
5 Two quartets?
6 Pouty look
7 Like some vbs.
8 Form of bowling
9 Forceful and persuasive in speech
10 Something curved in shape?
11 Sandwich item
17 Commonly used pesticide
19 A dynasty in China
22 Adam had one to spare
23 Mine opening
24 Permits
25 East European
26 Cartoonist Peter
27 Agra visitors
28 Thick, obscuring mist
31 Mingle, stir
32 Sets alight, ignites
34 Explosive device
35 Physique
37 It can move mountains
38 Trade centres or auction rooms?
40 Before long
41 Bride's ride
42 Clapton of music
43 A Channel Island
44 Small one
45 Eco. Comm. of Europe
46 Also, in addition



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RVWVXZJZQT ZJ GQI OCCVOIZTY QT - TQR

GQI WQQFZTY OR - TQVW NQHOIP

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A fine quotation is a diamond on the finger of a man of wit, and a pebble in the hand of a fool.

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Striker	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Kaddu Mucchi	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Bell Bottom	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Natasaarvabhowma	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Seetharama Kalyana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Chambal	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kalbettada Darodekoraru	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Total Dhamaal	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
MA Pass	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
NTR-Mahanayakudu	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Dhilluku Dhuddu-2	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

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Chambal (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am; (S-2) 4.30 pm
NTR-Mahanayakudu (Te)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Natasarvabhouma (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-1)	7.05 pm; (S-2) 1.45 pm
Gully Boy (H)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am, 6.55 pm
Mr. & Ms. Rowdy (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Yaarige Yaaruntu (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Total Dhamaal (H)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm

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Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 4.00 pm
Natasarvabhouma (K)	(S-4)	3.55 pm
Gully Boy (H)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 1.05 pm 4.15 pm, 9.50 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-4)	10.35 am
	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Total Dhamaal (H)	(S-2)	10.55 am, 1.40 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.10, 9.55 pm
Chambal (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
	(S-1)	7.25 pm
Striker (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
NTR - Mahanayakudu (Te)	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

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URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	9.40 am, 12.40 pm, 7.00 pm
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	10.00 am
Total Dhamaal (H)	10.10 am, 1 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.40 9.30 pm
Mr. & Ms. Rowdy (Ma)	10.40 am
Striker (K)	12.20 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	1.45 pm, 7.10 pm
Natasaarvabhowma (K)	3.10 pm
Gully Boy (H)	3.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Chambal (K)	4.40 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	6.30 pm
LKG (Ta)	9.45 pm
Kumbalangi Nights (Ma)	10.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Vithu Mazha - Songs of Warikari Poets at Ganabharathi on Mar.2

Mysuru, Feb.28- Ganabharathi, in collaboration with India Foundation for the Arts (IFA), is presenting a performance of *Vithu Mazha — Songs of the Women Warikari Poets* sung by **Shruthi Vishwanath** with **Hitesh Dhutia** on guitar and **Vinayak Netke** on tabla at 6 pm on Mar.2 at Ramabai Govinda Rao Auditorium, Ganabharathi premises, Adichunchanagiri Road, Mysuru.

Shruthi musically interprets and brings into performance the abhangs of women warikari saints. Abhangs are spiritual poems usually dedicated to the deity Vithoba or Vittala of

Shruthi Vishwanath

Pandharpur and sung in the regions of Maharashtra and North Karnataka. They are integral to the warikari pilgrimage and the warikari movement, which began in the late 13th century with the saint poet Gnyaneshwar, and, continues to the present day.

For this project, Shruthi studied and composed music to the works of women warikari poets, setting music to over 20 abhangs, which have over time been lost from the aural traditions of the practice. The poems range in tone from absolute devotion to rebellion and have been musically interpreted keeping in mind their meaning.

Shruthi Vishwanath is a musician, educator, and composer based in Pune. With a background in Karnatak and Hindustani music, she is also trained in abhangs and works on individual and collaborative music projects.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.28)

Shashi Theatres, Mysuru: Staging of play 'Tattu Chappale Putta Magu,' Navajyoti auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **2.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru: Ranga Sanje, Senior Theatre Artiste Padmasri Chindodi Leela Rangayana, senior theatre expert Dr. Kikkeri Veerana-rayana inaugurates, Kannada lecturer Dr. Vinodamma speaks, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rajashekar Kadamba delivers keynote address, Parishat auditorium, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti: Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddacharya Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri Road, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.1)

JSS Science and Technology University, JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Technical Talk by Dr. S.M. Shivaprasad, Director, Karnataka State Higher Education Academy, Dharwad, **9 am;** Valedictory, Dr. T.N. Nagabusdhana, Principal and Dean, Engineering, SJCE, JSS S&T University, chief guest, Prasad Shandilya, General Manager and Head, QC & ARD, Anthem Biosciences, Bengaluru and A.B. Doddamani, Director, Novel Tissues Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru and Vasudeva Rao, Hon. Secretary, IRI, Karnataka Branch, Mysuru, guests of honour, Dr. K.S. Lokesh, Registrar, JSS S&T University presides, auditorium, SJCE S&T University, **4 pm.**

Department of Commerce and Management, Vidyavardhaka First Grade College, Seshadri Iyer Road: Vidwath 2K19, a State-level Inter-Collegiate Commerce and Management Fest, Geloof Industries Pvt. Ltd. Bengaluru Founder & Director G.S. Raghavendra inaugurates, City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna chief guest, VV Sangha Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, Hon. Treasurer S.N. Lakshminarayana, VVFGC CMC Chairman T. Nagaraju and VVFGC Principal Dr. S. Marigowda guests of honour, VV Sangha Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, P.M. Chikkaboraiah Hall, **10 am.**

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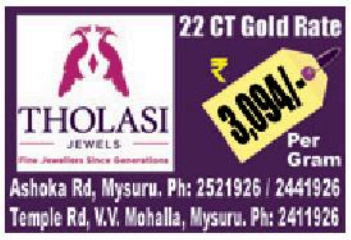
34th Journalists State Conference

Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ), Bengaluru and Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA), Mysuru: 34th Journalists State Conference, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Adichunchanagiri Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji will grace the occasion, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy inaugurates, Dy.CM Dr. G. Parameshwara releases souvenir, KUWJ President Shivananda Tagadur presides, Indian Federation of Working Journalists President B.V. Mallikarjunaiah speaks, Higher Education and District Minister G.T. Devegowda releases 'Sadhvi Suddi Kosha,' Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar inaugurates a Cartoon exhibition, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh inaugurates Media Exhibition, MP R. Dhruvanarayan releases a documentary, Dr. Yatindra Siddharamaiah inaugurates a photo exhibition; MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra, Harshavardhan, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayangowda and Mysuru Travels Association President B.S. Prashanth chief guests; MLA C.N. Balakrishna, Daily Mirror Editor Kurulu Koojana Kariyakaravana from Colombo, Sri Lanka, International Photojournalist Geetika Talookdaar, Colombo, Sri Lanka and Metro FM News Editor Ashok Silval from Kathmandu, Nepal, special invitees, **10.30 am;** Session on 'Media and Politics,' **1.30 pm;** Session on 'Mass Media-Self Regulation Policy,' **3 pm;** Felicitation to Centenarians — Nadoja Dr. Patil Puttappa, retired journalist, Hubballi and H.S. Doreswamy, retired journalist from Bengaluru — former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah presides, **4 pm;** Cultural Programme — 'Nage Sanje,' a humour show by Prof. M. Krishnegowda and team, Sugama Sangeetha by Raghuleela Sangeetha Mandira students, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Vedike, Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud taluk, Mysuru, **7 pm.**



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